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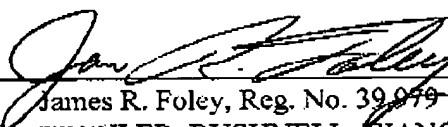
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 2-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicant has rewritten claim 2 in independent form and has amended claims 3 and 4 so that they depend from claim 2. The remaining claims have been cancelled. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 2-4 are allowable and it is therefore requested that the application be passed to issuance.

Should the present claims not be deemed adequate to effectively define the patentable subject matter, the Examiner is respectfully urged to call the undersigned attorney of record to discuss the claims in an effort to reach an agreement toward allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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